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Applicants : Akira HARA et al.  
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For : **A CYLINDER CLEANING DEVICE AND CYLINDER  
CLEANING FABRIC USED THEREFOR**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to a substantive examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 9, lines 22-25, replace with:

--Fig. 95 is an explanatory drawing showing a conventional cleaning fabric take-up shaft;

Fig. 96 is a cross-sectional view of the schematic arrangement of a cylinder cleaning device; and--

Page 9, line 16, insert:

--Fig. 97A is a side view of a cleaning fabric take-up shaft applied to the cylinder cleaning device of the present invention;

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS INDICATING CHANGES MADE TO SPECIFICATION**

Page 9, lines 22-25, replace with:

--Fig. 95 is an explanatory drawing showing a conventional cleaning fabric take-up shaft; [and]

Fig. 96 is a cross-sectional view of the schematic arrangement of a cylinder cleaning device [.] ; and--

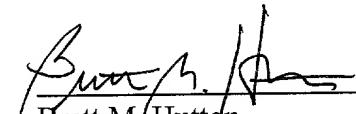
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Fig. 97B is a cross-sectional view taken along line R-R in Fig. 97A;  
Fig. 97C is a cross-sectional view taken along line S-S in Fig. 97A;  
Fig. 97D is a side view of a shaft member;  
Fig. 97E is a cross-sectional view taken along line T-T in Fig. 97A;  
Fig. 98 is a cross-sectional view showing another embodiment of a cleaning fabric take-up shaft applied to the cylinder cleaning device of the present invention;  
Fig. 99 is a diagram for explaining take-up of the cleaning fabric; and  
Fig. 100 is a diagram for explaining pulling up a cleaning take-up shaft from a cleaning fabric roll to which the cleaning fabric has been taken up.--

**REMARKS**

The Application has been amended to include the Brief Description for the drawings labeled Figure 97-100. In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate examination in anyway, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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